

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 3069 - SB 3258**

February 6, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits penalties from being charged for non-payment of traffic violations, when such violations were based solely on evidence obtained from surveillance cameras installed for traffic enforcement, unless such citations have been sent by certified mail.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$250,000**  
**Local Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant**

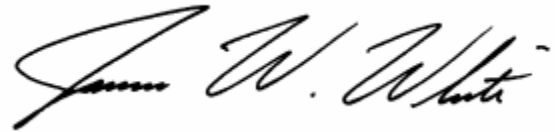
#### Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, the department does not use surveillance cameras for traffic enforcement.
- According to the Comptroller, the City of Gallatin utilizes cameras for traffic enforcement and issued approximately 20,000 citations last year using cameras.
- According to the Comptroller, these citations are currently mailed first-class at a postage rate of \$0.41 each. The rate for sending certified letters is \$3.06 each. Therefore, the additional postage expense for carrying out the provisions of this bill is estimated to be \$2.65 per citation mailed.
- The increase of expenditures for the City of Gallatin would be approximately \$53,000 (20,000 citations x \$2.65 increase = \$53,000) per year.
- The number of other local governments utilizing cameras for traffic enforcement is unknown. As a result, the increase to local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$250,000 per year.
- Any change to local government revenue resulting from penalties for non-payment is estimated to be not significant.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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